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TAGS: SREF, CB, TH SUB: NUMBERS OF CAMBODIAN REFUGEES TO THAILAND
REPORTED
REPORTEDLY INCREASE SHARPLY

1. BANGKOK POST JULY 29 REPORTED THAT 300 CAMBODIAN
REFUGEES ARRIVED IN THAILAND IN THE PAST TEN DAYS WITH
150 ENTERING TA PHRAYA DISTRICT ALONE IN THE PAST FEW
DAYS. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, REFUGEES TOLD THAI
OFFICIALS THAT THEY HAD TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF A MAJOR KHMER
ROUGE PULLOUT FROM SOME AREAS OF WESTERN CAMBODIA TO
ESCAPE ACROSS THE BORDER INTO THAILAND. POST ALSO SAID
THAT THAI INTELLIGENCE REPORTS INDICATED THAT THE PULL-
BACK BEGAN AT THE END OF JUNE, JUST PRIOR TO THE VISIT
BY CAMBODIAN DEPUTY PM IENG SARY TO BANGKOK. THAI REPORTS
SUGGESTED THAT TROOPS MIGHT HAVE BEEN PULLED FROM THE
THAI BORDER TO REINFORCE UNITS ON THE VIETNAMESE BORDER.

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2. UNHCR INFORMED US LATE JULY 31 THAT BASED ON REPORTS
FROM THEIR REP IN TA PHRAYA 270 CAMBODIANS HAVE ESCAPED
TO THAILAND INTO TA PHRAYA DURING JULY, 80 OF THEM IN
THE PAST WEEK. REFUGEES ARE MOSTLY MEN, WITH ONLY TEN
WOMEN AND A FEW CHILDREN AMONG THEM. THE REFUGEES ARE
CLAIMING TO THE UNHCR REP THAT THE KAMPUCHEAN

AUTHORITIES UNDERTOOK ANOTHER PURGE OF "REMNANTS OF THE OLD REGIME" WITHIN THE PAST TWO TO THREE WEEKS, LEADING THEM TO ESCAPE. THEY ALSO REPORTED THAT THE AUTHORITIES HAVE LATELY UNDERTAKEN OPPRESSION OF RELATIVES OF CAMBODIANS WHO HAVE FLED ALREADY. FLOW INTO TA PHRAYA IS NOW FOUR OR FIVE A DAY.

3. UNHCR TOLD US THAT THE RTG IS CURRENTLY FEEDING AND CARING FOR THE NEW REFUGEES. THEY ARE HOUSED TEMPORARILY IN A LARGE TENT BEFORE BEING MOVED TO REGULAR DETENTION CENTERS.

4. COMMENT: WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE UNHCR FIGURES. WE ARE LOOKING FURTHER INTO THE SITUATION, BUT A PULLBACK OF CAMBODIAN FORCES IN CONNECTION WITH IENG SARY'S VISIT TO THAILAND OR A MOVEMENT OF TROOPS TO THE VIET BORDER WHERE RECENT FIGHTING HAS APPARENTLY RESULTED IN SERIOUS LOSSES, OR A COMBINATION OF BOTH, COULD BE POSSIBLE REASONS FOR THE INCREASED FLOW FROM CAMBODIA. CONTINUING PURGES AND REPORTS OF OPPRESSION OF RELATIVES OF THOSE WHO FLEE OR WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THE FORMER REGIME ARE MOTIVATIONS WE HAVE ALSO HEARD FROM RECENT REFUGEES FOR THEIR ESCAPE INTO THAILAND. O'DONOHUE

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